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The Ocala Banner agrees with the Democrat that the "tough white kid" is also a problem.

The official announcement has been made that the next annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Richmond, Va., for five days beginning May 30, 1907.

Praise from Sir Hubert: The Ocala Banner says:

"Measured by the excellence and enterprise of the Live Oak Democrat Live Oak is big enough to measure up to all that is claimed for it."

"A two-for-a-nickle scrimmage" is the way the Times-Union speaks of our late war with Spain; but just wait until the movement on the pension office is fully organized and it will be discovered that two for a nickle won't be the accepted measure of damages.

Our flourishing little neighbor city of Perry is to be congratulated upon its good fortune. The Commissioners of Taylor county have taken the preliminary steps for the erection of a new courthouse in Perry, and it is to be a very handsome one. Ours here in Live Oak would be an elegant model, but it is hinted that Perry wants something finer.

The Atlanta grand jury has indicted a score of the hoodlums and rowdies who engaged in the late riot in that city, which is good as far as it goes. If their guilt is established and they are punished for their crime it will be a splendid moral triumph which will more than repair the injury done to the good name of Atlanta by the murderous mob on her streets.

There is reason to hope that the Rawlings murder case and the race problem will both be settled about the same time, and that not a great while later Isaac Cooper, down in Arcadia jail, will also have the solution of his mystery worked out. Isaac is probably getting a little anxious to know whether he's in jail de jure as well as de facto, and if not de jure, why defacto?

Editor Tomlin, of the Plant City Courier, has troubles of his own just now. The other night a burglar got in his house and robbed him of property to the value of \$100, and only a week before somebody stole his faithful little bob-tailed house dog. Here is cumulative calamity at home which may well excuse our stricken brother for the time being from altruistic labors on his editorial page, and he is sure of the united sympathy of all his brother editors in Florida, no matter how they stand on the drainage issue.

WHY WE THINK SO.

The Democrat recently asked if it was not a fact that in the counties of the drainage district the candidates for the Legislature in the late primaries who favored draining the Everglades were defeated and the successful candidates were those known to be opposed to the drainage scheme. Hon. Frank J. Wilson answers that question in the last issue of the Fort Myers Breeze as to himself by stating that he as the representative from Lee county (in the drainage district), and the nominee for re-election, is in favor of the drainage. The Breeze in publishing his letter, adds: "The Democrat is a good paper, just and fair on all matters, exactly as it understands them, and we regret that its editor has been misled on the drainage question. The Democrat certainly has not grasped the true situation in Lee county and how earnestly the people in the drainage district endorse the drainage scheme."

We thank our brother for the confidence expressed in our good intentions and our desire to be just and fair, and assure him that our objection goes—not to the draining of the Everglades and the relief of the people of Lee county—but to the manner in which it is proposed to be done. The adoption of the drainage amendment to the State Constitution has been offered to us by the drainage advocates as a condition precedent—the only terms upon which the Everglades may be drained, and we see in that amendment too much power conferred upon five men, too many temptations to abuse of power, and too much opportunity to set up a close corporation invested with the sovereign right of taxing, doing business without any term fixed for its dissolution, handling large sums of the people's money without official bonds and under no corrective restraint by or accountability to the Legislature of the State. The Government is digging the Panama canal by authority of the people's Congress and that Congress does not lose its control of that vast enterprise, but once the Everglades drainage amendment is adopted, the people of Florida have forfeited all right to further interference in the matter, their Legislature is helpless, and five men without restraint or control of any character outside themselves can exercise their own wills for an indefinite period in the management of an enterprise which from its very nature should be under Legislative supervision. We would be heartily glad to see the people of Lee county get the relief from overflow they desire, but surely it can be done in some other and better way than by building up a political machine as completely independent of Legislative control as though it were a co-ordinate branch of the State Government.

Today is the date fixed for a large meeting of German-Americans of the South in Atlanta to discuss the question of German immigration to this section and take steps to correct the false impressions which have been circulated in Germany about conditions in the South. Healthy streams of European immigration to the Southern States would rapidly minimize the race problem and that is the most imperative of our needs just now.

Life is but a continuous passage from one trouble to another. As soon as the Everglades agony is over the people will find another warm issue waiting for them to dispose of if the Gainesville Sun is right. That paper says:

"There are unmistakable evidences that the temperance people will exercise every effort to have the next Legislature pass a constitutional amendment submitting the question to the people as to whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold in the State."

The Lake City Citizen-Reporter does not purpose to rush blindly into the project of publishing a daily paper. Its management is judicious. It purposes a careful survey of the field and a canvass of the business men and general public to make sure of the requisite support. In this they acknowledge the idea is suggested by the course taken by the Live Oak Democrat management before that brilliant daily was established. Columbia county, we venture to assert, has been educated by its two excellent weeklies to that point that the citizens will be found willing to give a daily newspaper adequate support. —Times-Union Short Talks.

John Sharp Williams is up in North Carolina, making speeches on the unborn issue of the government ownership of railroads. Mr. Williams should use his eloquent and persuasive tongue in talking to us about live subjects. We are worried with too many real problems here in the South to be wasting time over theories which may concern generations ahead of us, but are of no practical interest now.

The Herald congratulates the people of Live Oak upon their success in securing an agreement from the railroads to build a union depot at that place. While the city's Board of Trade made the deal at Tallahassee, not a little of the credit is due to the Live Oak Democrat for long and earnest work done in furthering the matter. Tampa is also in need of such a depot. In speaking of the committee's efforts at the capital city, the Democrat says: "The Live Oak Board of Trade was neither dead nor sleeping, and its fine work at Tallahassee for a new union depot here shows it to be a live wire and fully alert to the interests of our city." —Herald.

The philosopher of the Tampa Times permits nothing to disturb his admirable equanimity and he stands ready to answer the challenge of any old problem (or new one either) demanding the world's solution. The eminent Dr. Forbes Winslow of England, was reported to have said recently that the majority of the people in the world will soon be lunatics, and to this dreadful menace the Times-Union jauntily responds:

"That is easy. They will just establish a new standard of sanity and sail right along. Did it ever occur to you that sanity was only a standard of conduct fixed by the majority?"

No, it never did. Sanity, me boy, is the standard of conduct imposed upon us by the imperative suggestions of nature in its fixed correlations all around us in the world of mind and matter, and no new standard can be fixed for us without upsetting and readjusting the whole scheme of things. The will of the majority has nothing to do with it. The theory of the Times leaves to the caprice of ignorance—old Vox Populi himself—the settlement of basic facts in nature, and thank Heaven his jurisdiction doesn't go that far.

The criminal idiots who dynamited and destroyed a negro college in Seneca, South Carolina, Saturday night because its president and his teachings were offensive to the whites, have done immeasurable harm to their own cause. For, not only have they invited reprisals of the same kind and directly encouraged the worst forms of lawlessness among the negroes, but their brutal and senseless crime will be used all over the North to manufacture sentiment against the white people of the South in their treatment of the negro problem, and make us enemies when we might have had friends in a section where we sorely need them. The criminals who did this work in Seneca do not, of course, represent the real Southern people, the people of character, intelligence and respect for law, but the world will judge us by them if we fail to denounce their crime and if the legal authorities in South Carolina omit any effort in their power to bring the guilty to justice. The worst enemy of the Southern people in their efforts to solve the race problem is the Southern white rowdy who resorts to crime and from motives of revenge commits such detestable acts as the midnight destruction of the Seneca college. The methods of the savage will never cure the troubles of the South, and when we resort to them or fail to suppress them in our rowdy and criminal element, we not only divorce from us the sympathy of the world, but invite retaliation in kind from the very people to whom we should give a steady example of respect for law and the rights of others.

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